

Amendments to the claims

1-16 (canceled)

17. (Original) A tongue cleaning device that is used for removing debris from a tongue; the device comprising:

 a body having a handle and head;
 the head having a working edge adapted to be moved over the tongue;
and

 the head of the body defining a debris retention recess adapted to collect debris as it is removed from the tongue by the working edge.

18. (Original) The device of claim 17, wherein the debris retention recess is adjacent the working edge.

19. (Original) The device of claim 18, wherein the debris retention recess is a curved depression defined by the head of the body.

20. (New) The device of claim 17, wherein the working edge is concave with respect to the tongue.

21. (New) The device of claim 17, wherein the body includes means for allowing the handle to flex with respect to the working edge.

22. (New) The device of claim 17, wherein the body is fabricated from titanium.

23. (New) A head for a tongue cleaning device that is used for removing debris from a tongue; the head comprising:

 a body having a working edge adapted to be moved over the tongue; and
 the body defining a debris retention recess adapted to collect debris as it is removed from the tongue by the working edge.

24. (New) The device of claim 23, wherein the debris retention recess is adjacent the working edge.
25. (New) The device of claim 24, wherein the debris retention recess is a curved depression defined by the head of the body.
26. (New) The device of claim 23, wherein the working edge is concave with respect to the tongue.
27. (New) The device of claim 23, wherein the body is fabricated from titanium.
28. (New) A head for a tongue cleaning device that is used for removing debris from a tongue; the head comprising:

a body having a working edge adapted to be moved over the tongue; and
the body defining a debris retention recess adapted to collect debris as it is removed from the tongue by the working edge; the debris retention recess disposed immediately above the working edge.
29. (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the debris retention recess is a curved depression defined by the head of the body.
30. (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the working edge is concave with respect to the tongue.
31. (New) The device of claim 28, wherein the body is fabricated from titanium.